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SUBJECT: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE

1. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE NOEL TODAY DENIED OUR REQUEST THAT DR. KENNEDY ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS TRIP TO BAS ZAIRE LATER THIS WEEK TO GATHER INFORMATION ON REFUGEE PROBLEMS. NOEL EXPLAINED THAT, AS HE WOULD BE TRAVELING WITH A GOZ OFFICIAL, IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR HIM TO APPEAR SO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH A USG REPRESENTATIVE. WHEN WE MENTIONED THAT WE HAD REQUESTED OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR BUKASSA THAT DR. KENNEDY ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GOZ OFFICIAL, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE LESS OF A BURDEN ON GOZ TO ORGANIZE ONE MISSION RATHER THAN TWO, NOEL REPEATED ABOVE EXPLANATION AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED TO AMEND THE NOTE VERBALE ON HIS TRIP HE HAD ALREADY SENT TO THE GOZ. HE SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT DR. KENNEDY CONDUCT A SEPARATE STUDY AND THEN COMPARE NOTES WITH HIM IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A JOINT REPORT. NOEL CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY STRESSING REPEATEDLY THE NECESSITY OF COORDINATING REPORTING ON THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN ORDER TO "AVOID CONFUSION".

2. WE HAVE CONSEQUENTLY CONTACTED BUKASSA'S OFFICE AND EXPECT HIS RESPONSE THIS AFTERNOON TO OUR REQUEST FOR GOZ WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF DR. KENNEDY'S TRIP TO TSHELA. WE HAVE NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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